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SOEST— Soest is a municipality and town in the province of Utrecht, in the Netherlands. It is situated approximately 20 km from the city of Utrecht, 7 km from Amersfoort and 10 km from Hilversum. The above picture shows the Council Building and Bell Tower. Additional facts and information on the town of Soest can be seen on pages 18 & 19.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 8 September	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$8.00	
Thurs 12 September	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Thurs 26 September	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 27 September	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	
	More details on page 5	
Sunday 29 September	<u>"Neerlandia AGM"</u>	1.00 pm
Sunday 6 October	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$8.00	
Thurs 10 October	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Thurs 24 October	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 25 October	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	
	More details on page 5	
Sunday 3 November	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$8.00	
Tuesday 5 November	<u>"Melbourne Cup Lunch"</u>	11.00 am
Thurs 7 November	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Thurs 21 November	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Sunday 24 November	<u>"St Nicholas Brunch"</u>	10.00 am
Friday 29 November	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	
	More details on page 5	
Sunday 1 December	<u>"St Nicholas for the Children"</u>	
Saturday 7 December	<u>"DACWA Consumers Christmas Party"</u>	
Sunday 8 December	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	

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Private Members Parties:

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Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)

Report from your President



President's Report

Lately the Committee had to have some major work done around the club. Due to the age of the building, repairs and maintenance of the Club is becoming a recurring concern; repairs of kitchen equipment or

the heaters in the hall to name but a recent few. Sometimes we have qualified club members, who are able to do repairs, but only too often we have to call in professionals to repair or to replace ageing equipment and facilities. To cover the cost we could increase membership fees, but the Committee did not find this to be a necessary option at the moment. Our first port of call will be to raise funds through a fundraising drive, with the money committed to repair and maintenance of the club. If this does not succeed, then there is unlikely to be any other immediate option but to firstly ensure that every person who uses club facilities is a paid up member and then in all likelihood to raise membership fees. As an important example, in the near future, the hall heaters will need replacing and raising funds for this could be a joint effort between Membership and the Committee. Obviously we are looking for further alternatives, but at the moment we would like to ask you kindly to consider a financial donation towards repair and maintenance of your clubhouse.

Another item that needs the attention and cooperation of all out financial members is the coming Annual General Meeting that will be held on September 29th at 1.00pm in the Neerlandia clubhouse.

This meeting is the opportunity for the Neerlandia Committee and Neerlandia members to sit down and discuss the past year and the outlook for the future. The AGM is also the time that the Committee welcomes new Committee members. As you are maybe aware, it is becoming more difficult each year to find enthusiastic and energetic Neerlandia members who are interested and motivated

enough to assist with the daily running of the club. As a committee member one is directly involved with the organisation and the well-being of the club and for those reasons alone Committee membership can be rewarding and very satisfying. Your input, your ideas and energy can be of immediate influence on the club and its members and I would like to encourage you to consider joining us: we have more vacancies than we should have. For a committee to work to its full potential and to execute innovative plans, the committee needs more members to keep the club running. I ask you to consider joining the committee and to work together with us towards a healthy future for Neerlandia. If you want to know what this membership entails please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of the committee members. We need you to run the club with us. Let's talk.

Lianna Parker

IN LOVING MEMORY

Some of our older, long-term Members have passed away.

On the 25th of July,

Anton Horsten (97)

Our sincere condolences to his family and especially so to
Neerlandia's Vice-President Tony Horsten
from the Dutch Society Neerlandia,
the Neerlandia and the Wednesday Card Clubs.

On the 28th of July,

Corrie Teeuw (103)

Our sincere condolences to her family
from the Dutch Society Neerlandia
and De Jeugd Van Vroeger (DJVV)

On the 17th of August

Lenie Wisse (88)

Our sincere condolences to her family
from the Dutch Society Neerlandia
and De Jeugd Van Vroeger (DJVV)
And the Wednesday and the Neerlandia Card Clubs



May They Rest in Peace.



Dear Readers,

This editorial is written in Coral Bay, some 1200 km north of Perth and although I have my laptop with me, I do not have access to some essential information that is on my home computer.

Weeks ago I did receive some comments and welcome advice on

our regular feature "Dutch History" from a well-meaning person in the Eastern States. I meant to reply to his e-mail, but his e-mail address is at home on my computer and my response to him will have to wait until we are back in Perth in September.

Meanwhile we are loving life in Sunny Coral Bay, with it's clear waters and warm weather.

A good thing that is happening here is that the coral close to the shore in the Bay is making a slow but welcome comeback since all boating was banned from here a few years ago. And this is happening despite the gloomy forecasts about the global warming effects of permanent coral destruction by the doomsday brigade.

Last weekend we went to Exmouth, 120 KM north of here to visit a niece that lives there and I must share some fishing stories with you.

On Friday her husband Scottie took us out net-fishing in the inland Bay. We drove about 1/2 hour south and then turned on a pretty rough and sandy bush track to get to the water's edge. We got there at 6.00 pm as it was low tide and we set up camp on the beach, the girls relaxed next to the car with a glass of champagne and we surveyed the Bay.

There was a series of sand bars and strips of water for about 1 km before the deeper water, each strip of water about 50 metres wide. We took our 60 meter net out past the third sand bar and with 2 anchors put it across the water. By that time it was almost dark and the new moon disappeared below the horizon soon after. So we just had the stars of the Milky Way and miners head lamps to see what was going on. The incoming tide was supposed to reach us by 7.00 o'clock, so we went back to the beach and enjoyed a beer, as the weather was still warm and pleasant.

But by 7.00 pm there was no incoming water, the same at 8 and at 9.00 pm. Meanwhile the wind came up and it got pretty cold, the girls took refuge inside the car, but we made several trips out to the net to ensure everything was alright. At 9.30 we ventured a couple of sandbars further out and low and behold, the water was coming in fast. It took another 15 minutes before the incoming tide reached the net, but we still had to wait till it was at least knee deep. Eventually that happened and when we checked the net there was on big fat mullet in it, which we decided to take back to the car.

Now remember we put the net past the third sandbar about 250 meters from the beach and by now the sandbars had all disappeared and with our tiny headlights all we saw was a twenty meter light patch in an ink black ocean.

In we waded, water up to our thighs to look for one yellow float attached to the end of the net.

But we managed to find it and we had quite a catch of big mullets.

Once we had them untangled from the net and put in a

floating tub we pulled up the anchors and dragged the net onto the beach and soon after we left to go back home.

On the way back we got to talk about previous catches with the net and I was told that two weeks before there was a 6ft shark that got entangled in the net!!!

A few days later it was one of those beautiful calm days and the water in the bay was like a mirror all afternoon. We went fishing in a small dingy in about 3 metres of water and the fish was biting very well. But most of the catch was either undersize or too big and we could not get them to the surface as they broke off the lines.

But then we heard the almighty splash and only about 150 metres away were two large wales that jumped side by side out of the water. This was followed by fins slapping on the water that sounded like rifle shots and they kept that up for about 20 minutes.

I have seen lots of wales up here before but never a spectacle like that, it seemed like some kind of mating ritual. We were tempted to go closer but decided against that as we were vulnerable in a small dingy.

This gives you some idea what life can be like up here in paradise.

In Memoriam:

From the Netherlands the said news came that Prins Friso had passed away after being in a coma for about 18 months after his skiing accident. Our sincere sympathy goes to the royal family. It surely has been an eventful year for them.

At Neerlandia we lost Corrie Teeuw at the ripe old age of 103. She had been a member from the beginning of Neerlandia and regularly attended the "Jeugd Van Vroeger"; she still celebrated her 100th birthday with them before she went into a Nursing Home.

Anton Horsten (97) also joined Neerlandia when the club was formed in 1969 and he was a regular Klaverjas Player until a couple of months ago.

Lenie Wisse (88) has also been around for ever until she became wheelchair bound a few years ago.

Our sincere condolences go to all their families.

Pieter Leeftang

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW MEMBERS OF THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA

Mr Martin van Rees

Mr Lee Eacott

Ms Brenda Wubs

Mr Peter Koopman

Mrs Christine Koopman

Mr Marcel Broijl

Mrs Judith Tjink-Broijl

Mrs Helga Carbone

Ms Astrid Overklift VK

Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

*De eerstvolgende Klaverjas Drives
worden gehouden op zondag
8 september en op zondag 6 oktober.*



**Kosten: \$8.00
per persoon.**

Kom gezellig
Klaverjassen in
het Neerlandia
Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn
tegoed bonnen te besteden in onze winkel.
Lunch & 2 kopjes koffie zijn bij de
toegangsprijs inbegrepen.

De toegangsprijs prijs is
iets omhoog gegaan om
de stijgende onkosten te
dekken.

Aanvang 11.00 uur.
Iedereen is welkom.

**DUTCH IMPORTED LIQUOR**

OUDE Jenever	\$55.00 PER LITER
JONGE Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
CITROEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
BEERENBURG	\$50.00 PER LITER
POLLEN BESSEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
ZWARTE BESSEN Jenever	\$40.00 PER LITER
CITROEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
MILLWOOD LIQUEUR	\$35.00 per 700 ML
DIKKE ADVOCAAT	\$32.00 per 700 ML

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—Noon



**PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN
ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN
THE SHOP IS OPEN:**

Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

There was no August event as we held our winter break.

**The next two End of Month Drinks will be held
on Friday the 27th of September 2013 and again
on Friday the 25th of October**

The Bar is open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm.

**Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old
friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch
snack or just a cup of coffee!**

Available from the Kitchen:

Fresh Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart!

A variety of traditional Dutch snacks.

The Neerlandia Shop will be open for your convenience!

Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome

Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Inge



De KooKHoeK

Nicole is de inspiratie voor de maandelijkse KooKHoeK. Zij is geboren en getogen in Nederland en komt uit een Nederlands-Indisch gezin. Eten, in de ruimste zin van het woord is haar passie: zij bereid het en kweekt

zelf vele van de ingrediënten; ze leest en zij schrijft er over - elke dag werkt zij met eten.

Nicole heeft ons toestemming gegeven om haar blog als bron te gebruiken voor onze maandelijkse KooKHoeK, iets waar we heel erg blij mee zijn.

Het recept voor september is:

Kaasvlinders* / *Dutch Cheese Snack

For the benefit of non-Dutch readers, the recipes are in the English language.

1 large sheet puff pastry

1 cup shredded sharp cheese

1 egg

Kosher salt

Ground black pepper

Dust the counter with a little bit of flour and thaw the dough. Sprinkle the puff pastry with the shredded sharp cheese.

Roll each end up, toward each other. Beat the egg and brush the pastry dough where the rollups meet, so they'll stick together.

Cover or wrap with plastic film and set in the fridge for about thirty minutes, while the oven heats up to 375F.

Remove the dough and slice into half an inch pieces.

Place each slice on its side, brush with the beaten egg and sprinkle with some cheese (optional).

Season with salt and pepper (just a dusting) and place the butterflies in the oven. Bake for 20 minutes or until puffy and golden. Cool on a rack.

Source: (met toestemming van) Nicole Holten, The Dutch Table <http://www.thedutchtable.com>

Neerlandia Magazine

You can now read the magazine in colour by receiving the online version. Please contact the Editor Piet Leeftang to receive your copy by email.

pieter.leeftang@bigpond.com

The Shop

Anne has now well and truly taken over by Anne. Marieke, once again, thank you for all your efforts. Marieke left us a database with all shop stock carefully documented. Fantastic!

Welcome Anne, we wish you good times and success with the running of the shop. We are very happy that you have now officially joined the team that is running the show.

We are looking forward to your monthly reports to keep us informed on what's happening.



De BoeKHoeK

Met grote dank aan U de donateur en aan Mies, Tom en Ans, kunnen wij nu de Neerlandia bibliotheek officieel geopend noemen. Nieuwe, frisse titels van 1990 en enkele klassiekers allemaal liefdevol gedoneerd door de Dutch

Community in Perth.

Toen zij gevraagd werd onze bibliothecaress te worden, heeft Ans tot onze grote vreugde positief gereageerd.

Zij zal in het vervolg door de gedoneerde titels gaan en besluiten welke boeken op de planken komen en welke boeken niet geschikt zijn voor ons doel.

Door boeken aan ons te doneren, geef je ons toestemming om ons van de boeken te ontdoen mochten wij ze niet kunnen gebruiken.

Elk boek in de bibliotheek heeft een "Eigendom van Neerlandia" stempel in het boek zodat je er aan herinnerd wordt dat het boek terug behoort te komen bij ons.

Al met al kunnen we nu eindelijk met trots de opening van de Neerlandia bibliotheek aankondigen. Vele Nederlandse titels, bijeengekregen door donaties uit de Nederlandse Gemeenschap zijn nu voor onze leden beschikbaar om te lenen en te lezen. Kom langs op een vrijdag ochtend tussen 10 - 12 uur en je kunt grasduinen en uitkiezen. Op een lijst schrijf je je naam en je contact details achter de titel zodat wij weten wie onze boeken leent. Wanneer je het boek uitgelezen hebt zien we het graag terug terwijl je weer een nieuwe titel meeneemt.

Er ligt een lijst op de kleine ronde tafel en u wordt vriendelijk verzocht om daar je naam, de titel van het boek en de uitleen datum in te schrijven. Op die manier kunnen wij bijhouden wat er met ons bestand gebeurt.

Heb jij onlangs een goed boek uit onze bieb gelezen? Schrijf een review!

Inmiddels hebben we ook een correspondentie in Nederland die met regelmaat Nederlandse titels voor ons leest en recenseert. Ontmoet Joke en lees over het eerste boek dat zij voor ons recenseerde:

Tonio,

Een requiem roman

door A.F. Th van der Heijden

Op 1e Pinksterdag 2012 (23 mei) komt de 21-jarige zoon en het enige kind van de schrijver om door een verkeersongeval. Deze requiem roman beschrijft het eerste jaar na het overlijden. Zijn ouders zoeken in dat jaar een reconstructie van wat Tonio in de laatste dagen en uren voor zijn dood heeft gedaan. Met wie heeft hij gesproken, met wie is hij die avond uitgeweest, wie was het meisje "Jenny" met wie hij had afgesproken? Het boek begint op de dag van het overlijden en eindigt als de schrijver na maanden de plaats van het ongeval durft te bezoeken.

Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Inge

Deze zoektocht die afgewisseld wordt met herinneringen aan Tonio en beschrijvingen over hoe de schrijver en zijn vrouw proberen te leven met dit verlies is een hartverscheurend verhaal waarin het verdriet bijna tastbaar is. Het geeft een intiem maar ook rauw beeld over de wijze waarop beiden met hun verdriet omgaan en elkaar daarin respecteren, maar niet altijd begrijpen. Het is ook een roman over de liefde. De liefde die ouders voor hun kind voelen. Die onvoorwaardelijke, absolute en alles overstijgende liefde die met niets te vergelijken is.

De schoonheid druipt van deze roman af: de woordkeuze, de zinsbouw maar ook de volgorde waarin de gebeurtenissen van deze zwarte dag afgewisseld worden met jeugdherinneringen tonen het talent van de schrijver. Het talent om het ondragelijke verdriet en de manier waarop beide ouders met de verschrikkelijke werkelijkheid omgaan zo schitterend en indringend in woorden te vangen.

Het is een zwaar boek en gaat tot op het bot. Maar het is tevens een absolute aanrader, zeker voor mensen die houden van romans met een hoog realistisch gehalte. Het boek is verschenen een jaar na de dood van Tonio op 26 mei 2011

In 2012 werd het bekroond met de Libris Literatuurprijs die in ontvangst werd genomen door Mirjam Rotenstreich, de vrouw van de schrijver. (Tonio is verkrijgbaar als eBook bij bol.com)

De FilmHoeK

Inge bekeek een film voor ons:

Titel: Alles is Familie

Regie: Joram Lürsen

Scenario: Kim van Kooten

Producent: Topkapi Films

Cast: o.a. Carice van Houten, Thijs Römer, Benja Bruijning, Martine Bijl

“Een heerlijke Nederlandse feel-good film vol goede acteurs”

De recent uitgebrachte Nederlandse film ‘Alles is Familie’ vind ik een echte aanrader. De officieuze opvolger van ‘Alles is Liefde’ volgt het verhaal van de familie de Roover. Iedereen in de familie wil eigenlijk wat anders; Winnie wil een baby, haar man Rutmer wil dichterbij zijn gevoel komen, zijn broer Charlie wil vooral geen verantwoordelijkheid en hun zwager Dick wil zijn overleden vrouw terug. Vader Arend wil gelukkig zijn, en moeder Jeanette wil vooral dat iemand haar wil.

Het verhaal is boeiend, grappig en romantisch. De film volgt meerdere verhaallijnen, maar deze zijn allemaal goed aan elkaar gekoppeld. De acteurs zijn klasse, en aan het eind van de film voel je je happy en kun je alleen maar hopen dat Kim van Kooten weer een officieus

vervolg schrijft. Een echte aanrader dus!

Binnenkort te zien op een filmavond bij Neerlandia – informatie volgt!

End of Month Drinks June & July

The End of Month drinks in June and July were both again successful events. Despite the stormy weather, a lot of people turned up for the July drinks. Maybe it was thanks to the delicious ‘hutspot’ Yolanda had prepared, which warmed us up on such a winter’s day?! Together with our loyal patrons who are there every month, we saw quite a few new faces too. Our regulars may have noticed some new features at the End of Months drinks: young people behind the bar. Richard, Steph and Inge did an L-plate night in June, while they learned the tricks and trades of serving the right size ‘borrels’ and how to put the cream on the advocaat. Another feature is the music: we now play DVD’s of Dutch artists on the big screens. So far we have played Guus Meeuwis, Marco Borsato, Nick & Simon and De Toppers. And we can announce that there will be plenty new exciting dvd’s coming in September. For those who do not like the hustle and bustle in the hall, the lounge is set up to sit down and have a chat, enjoying Andre Rieu or BVN. There is something for everyone!

Some of the toys have moved to the hall during the EoM drinks. This started as it was too cold in the Kinderparadijs. The plus side of this move is that everyone can now keep an eye on the kids, so that, at the end of the night, we are not left with an unexpected mess in the Kinderparadijs for the Committee to tidy up. And in the hall we have now even seen some older ‘kids’ play with some of the toys! As August is traditionally a month with lots of people going on holidays, we have decided that August will now be our annual ‘winter stop’. We don’t have enough committee members and volunteers to put as much effort into the organisation as the EoM drinks deserve. And it also gives everyone involved in the organisation a bit of a breather. In September we will be up and running again with renewed enthusiasm and as mentioned before, new music DVDs.

Last but not least we would like to thank everyone who helps organising, preparing, volunteering and of course visiting the EoM drinks! Special thanks to Freda for the work in the shop, Co & Anne, Anne & Dora, Louis & Gerry for their efforts in the kitchen, all the staff in the bar, and the always enthusiastic and hard working Orange Apron Team. A very special Thank You to Yolanda, who prepared Erwtensoepp and Hutspot for the June and July EoM drinks!

Lianna & Inge.

(Photos of the July EoMD, taken by Todd Kaya, are on page 12)

Sunday Brunch & Dutch Community Radio

Brunch at Neerlandia

On Sunday 14th July the Thursday night Card Club (officially named 'Card Club Neerlandia') treated its members to a Brunch at the Neerlandia clubhouse. It was a cold overcast day, but that was soon forgotten when we entered the warm hall where Dutch music was playing and the round tables, covered with white tablecloths and cheery red placemats sporting a Dutch folk pattern, were set. Flowers in the center of each table added to the friendly, cozy atmosphere.

Murray Koedyk, President of the Thursday Card Club, welcomed all those present and invited everyone to help themselves to the Dutch goodies displayed on the large table



on the side. This did not need to be said twice. Like Alex and I, most had probably had no more than a cup of tea with a 'beschuitje', so that we could take our pills in the morning and were ready for something more substantial. The

table was soon surrounded and plates filled with 'ontbijtkoek', 'krentebrood' of 'beschuit' to which 'kaas' or 'hagelslag' could also be added. Delicious Dutch biscuits were there as well. Definitely no need to go home hungry.

In the meantime coffee and tea were being served by two delightful young ladies, not long out from Holland. That is my guess, anyway. They have that fresh, just arrived



from the northern hemisphere, look. Throughout the morning they made sure our cups were filled. Great work, girls. The lovely meal of eggs (cooked to individual tastes)



with ham and beef and attractive side salad was eagerly devoured by everyone. A feather in the cap for the loyal kitchen team.

Several members had brought wives, husbands or friends

along and we were also joined by six other Neerlandia members who, although not members of the card club, were well known to most present and felt quite at ease with our group. Sadly, a number could not make it due to illness or other commitments. A real shame, because everyone appeared to be having such a good time.

Lianna Parker, the busy President of Neerlandia also graced us with her presence. She had volunteered to serve in the bar. Judging by the grin on her face she was thoroughly enjoying this event and didn't mind at all giving up her free time for our sake. On behalf of the committee and members of Card Club Neerlandia I take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the Committee of Neerlandia who went to great lengths to ensure that this event would be a successful one. We hope to repeat it some time.

Janny Udinga, Secretary

DUTCH COMMUNITY RADIO

6EBA 95.3 FM Sunday 2:00 – 3:30pm

Dear listeners, it is once again the beginning of a new financial year and we need your support. As you may know none of our operators and presenters are paid to produce our weekly program. While we get subsidized air time from the government we still need to pay for the rest of our air time and that averages \$350.00 per month. While we also have some sponsors, that only covers the cost of the mailbox and one or two months of the year. The rest of the funds to keep the program going to air needs to come from donations from our listeners. If you enjoy the music and weekly news from The Netherlands you can help by cutting out the slip and sending your donation to the address on the slip in this magazine. Robert Wegman Treasurer D.C.R.



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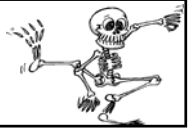
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A few light-hearted jokes



Laughter is still the best medicine



What Is Couple Sex?



An 8-year-old girl went to her grandfather, who was working in the yard and asked him:

"Grandpa, what is a couple sex?"

The grandfather was surprised that she would ask such a question, but decided that if she's old enough to know to ask the question then she's old enough to get a straight answer.

Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he proceeded to tell her all about human reproduction and the joys and responsibilities that go along with it.

When he finished explaining, the little girl was looking at him with her mouth hanging open, eyes wide in amazement.

Seeing the look on her face, the grandfather asked her:

"Why did you ask this question, honey?"

The little girl replied:

"Well, Grandma says to tell you that dinner will be ready in just a "couple sec's."

Mobile Phone Etiquette.

After a very busy day, a commuter settled down in her seat and closed her eyes as the train departed Montreal for Hudson.

As the train rolled out of the station, the guy sitting next to her pulled out his mobile phone and started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart it's Eric, I'm on the train – yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty but I had a long meeting – no, honey, not with that floozy from the accounts office, with the boss. No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life—yes, I'm sure, cross my heart", etc.

In spite of the glares and frowns from other passengers, fifteen minutes later, he was still talking loudly, when the young woman sitting next to him, who was obviously angered by his continuous diatribe, yelled at the top of her voice: "Hey, Eric, turn that stupid phone off and come back to bed!"

Eric doesn't use his mobile phone in public any longer.

GRANDPARENTS' ANSWERING MACHINE

Good morning . . . At present we are not at home,

but please leave your Message after you hear the beep. If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of "birth arrival" so we know who it is.

If you need us to stay with the children, press 2;

If you want to borrow the car, press 3;

If you want us to wash your clothes and do the ironing, press 4;

If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5;

If you want us to pick up the kids at school, press 6;

If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7;

If you want to come to eat here, press 8;

If you need money, press 9;

If you are going to invite us to dinner or take us to the theatre, start talking we are listening !!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT?

(Taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds)

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's kids. Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them... They are so old, they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the colours of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on 'cracks.'

They don't say, 'Hurry up.'

Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

They have to answer questions like 'Why isn't God married?' and 'How come dogs chase cats?'

When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have a snack time before bed time, and they say prayers with us and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

**GRANDPA IS THE SMARTEST MAN ON EARTH!
HE TEACHES ME GOOD THINGS, BUT I DON'T
GET TO SEE HIM ENOUGH TO BE AS SMART!**

Sunday Klaverjas Drives & Neerlandia AGM

Sunday Klaverjas Drive.

On Sunday the 7th of July our regular monthly Klaverjas Drive was held.

We even had a visitor from Albany, Jenny Kievit, great to see her there.

We just managed to get 7 tables together, which meant that even myself, the organiser, had to participate.

This caused some inconvenience as I normally do not play and look after the washing up in the kitchen, the finances and check the score sheets.

However, as customary, there are always others that jump in and help out.

This month we have to thank Irma & Freda for preparing our lunch and Jenny Klück, who does not play Klaverjas, for volunteering to wash up, while Pieter checked the score sheets.

So it all came together in the end.

After playing 4 rounds, the score sheets started to come in and it soon became apparent that the majority of tables had very average scores, but there are always exceptions as the winner still managed to get a score of over 7000 points.

The results were:

Klaverjassen:

1st prize:	Joke Leeftang	7072 points
2nd prize:	Piet Segers	6868 points
3rd prize:	John v d Wielen	6844 points



Joke Leeftang, first prize and John van der Wielen, 3rd prize on July 7

Sunday Klaverjas Drive held the 4th of August:

We again had 7 tables and welcomed Henk & Riet Heyman back after a long absence and also welcomed Gerda van Noort, who had not played for many, many years and she was only 13 points from third place. A good first-up and that should make her eager to attend again.

As usual a happy crowd, who enjoyed each others company and of course, this great game called Klaverjassen.

The winners on this day were:

1st prize	Barbara Penello	7039 points
2nd prize	Peter Segers	6997 points
3rd prize	Ad Liebrechts	6788 points

For those that missed out on the prizes, better luck next time. But most people do attend to meet up with friends and winning a prize is a bonus

Next month, on account of Father's Day, the Sunday Drive will be held on the 8th of September instead.

Come along as the entrance fee of \$8.00 is still excellent value.

Gerry Creemers.



Piet Segers is often in the money and won the 2nd prize at both events.

Barbara Penello, 1st prize and Ad Liebrechts, 3rd prize on August 4.

Neerlandia AGM:

On Sunday the 29th of September 2013, starting sharp at 1.00 pm, the **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Neerlandia Clubhouse.

Elections of Committee:

This year there are additional vacancies due to the following:

... *the secretary was appointed mid-term by the Committee*

... *some sitting members resigned mid-term,*

Consequently nominations are called for the following positions:

President (two year term)

Secretary (one year term)

Treasurer (two year term)

3 Committee Members (two year term)

3 Committee Members (one year term)

Sitting Committee Members, who have completed their full term and who made themselves available for re-election are:

President: Lianna Parker.

Secretary: Inge van Maanen

Treasurer: Henry Koldenhoven

Committee Members:

Henk Hanemaaijer

Louis Marcus

Lianna Parker

2013 NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I nominate: Mr/Mrs/Ms.....

For the following position:

- President** () two year term
- Secretary** () one year term
- Treasurer** () two year term
- Committee Member** () six positions available, three 2-year term, three 1-year term

Signature Proposer..... Membership No:.....

Signature Secunder..... Membership No:.....

I accept the nomination:.

Signature Candidate..... Membership No:.....

Nomination must be in the possession of the Secretary before Monday the 9th of September 2013
Please put the completed form in a sealed envelope, label it "Nomination for Committee" and hand it in at the bar or mail it to: The Secretary, Dutch Society Neerlandia, PO Box 200, Wembley WA 6913

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- | | |
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| Elke donderdagavond | van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm |
| Iedere vrijdag | van 10.00 am - 12 uur |

De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden

Impressions of the July End of Month Drinks



All photos by Todd Kaya



September 2013

DUTCH AGED CARE NEWSLETTER

The Official Publication of Dutch Aged Care Western Australia Inc.
To all members and supporters of DACWA

Editorial

In the previous editorial I mentioned that DACWA became a four-time finalist in the 2013 Aged and Community Services WA - Excellence in Care Awards. The winners were announced on 7 June and the outcome you will find a bit further in an article in this newsletter.

This quarter we have a write-up about an event held for our clients in and a summary of the latest volunteer workshop.

There is also information on our Annual General Meeting which will be held on 8 October.

Although many members have renewed their DACWA subscription there are still others who have not done so as yet. Therefore a copy of the renewal form is printed in this newsletter.

As previously mentioned, we would love it if you have an interesting story or aged care related experiences to share us. You can send this to us by email to karin@dacwa.org, post or give us a phone call on 9382 4186.

Karin Eastwood

Editor DACWA newsletter



Training for Volunteers

A while ago a large group of our volunteers attended a fascinating workshop presented by Sharon from Alzheimer's Australia WA on Dementia.

Sharon gave a clear definition of Dementia and discussed the common causes of dementia. She explained that Dementia can affect a person's memory, insight, ability to plan and make decisions, information processing, ability to reason or learn new ideas, language, filtering systems, orientation and spatial awareness, pain perception, tolerance to stress

and control mechanisms.

The volunteers were educated in how to recognise the impact of Dementia as well as the use of communication and problem solving strategies to bring the person with Dementia to a well-being. The attendees were engrossed on the topic and jumped at the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation. This workshop went well over the projected time of one and a half hour and was a huge success.

During the lunch that followed Mrs Gerrie Creemers was presented with a certificate in recognition of ten years' service to our organisation.

Alzheimer's Australia WA has a Dementia Helpline – 1800 100 500



CHANGE OF NAME AND THE REASON FOR IT

Often, when we introduced ourselves as a member of Dutch Aged Care, people would anticipate that we are providing residential care for only Dutch people. As everyone who is involved with Dutch Aged Care knows; that is not correct. We support anybody from a Germanic background to live in their homes as long as possible.

When the question about a more universal name came up, we considered the following aspects: What is our work about? Which group do we want to reach?

These questions were put in consideration, when thinking about the name and in the end we came up with: **CURA IN-HOME CARE**

Cura is the name of a divine figure whose name means "Care" or "Concern" in Latin. Latin is considered to be the foundation of the Germanic language. Dutch, German, English, all Scandinavian languages, all of these languages - with all their different dialects, are all considered Germanic languages.

When looking up 'Cura' on the Latin - English dictionary, the meaning Care, Concern and Support comes up and that is exactly what we do.

We care and support and we are concerned about **all** seniors from a Germanic background!

Ute Benford.

Annual General Meeting

The Board of Management would like to invite all financial members of Dutch Aged Care (WA) Inc., now trading as CURA IN-HOME CARE, to their Annual General Meeting which will be held in the lounge of the Dutch Society Neerlandia on Tuesday 8 October 2012 at 1:00pm.

Please make a note in your diary and come and support our organisation on this day.

In Memoriam



Recently Mrs Corrie Teeuw passed away shortly after she celebrated her 103rd birthday! She was a DACWA life member and has been a recipient of our Care Program until she went to an Aged Care Facility. There she was visited by Connie, one of our dedicated volunteers. Not long ago Corrie still enjoyed her cup of coffee with a Dutch Speculaasje or other biscuit and

avisit to the gardens. She also wanted to give her best regards to all her friends from Neerlandia, Dutch Aged Care and the Jeugd van Vroeger. We will miss this very special lady.

Upcoming Events

Monthly DACWA Board Meeting

– Every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

For more details contact Karin on: 9382 4186 or E-mail: om@dacwa.org

Support Workers early Christmas Lunch at Neerlandia Clubhouse:

Saturday 22.10.2013 from 11.30am—14.00pm (Staff only)

Consumers Christmas Party:

Saturday 07.12.2013 from 2.00pm—5.00pm

Ratatouille Club – every other Thursday.

A friendly get-together with light physical and/or mental exercises.

Clients and DACWA financial members welcome. **Participation \$5.00 per session.**

For details contact the Care Team on: 9382 1983 or E-mail cacp@dacwa.org

Workshops for Support Workers in 2013 are planned on:

14 November 2013 Manual Handling

28 November 2013 Manual Handling

Workshops for DACWA volunteers in 2013 are planned on:

19 November 2013 Boundaries

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Information day for our consumers.

Many of our consumers and family members attended our free session on 25th of June 2013. We had following topics covered: Jenny and her colleagues from Independent Living Centre came to promote their services; she showed useful equipment around the house.

We had Linda from Alzheimer's here to talk about Alzheimer's/ Dementia and what impact it can have on the family too.

Margaret from Multicultural Services Office was talking about pension and what changes came in since January 2013.

We had a presentation from Jude from the "Falls prevention program", how to prevent falls at home.

Many questions were asked by the consumers and lots of information material was handed out.

All consumers and guests enjoyed a light lunch and the time to mingle.

We received very positive feedback about the success of the day.

Regine Care Team Manager



Dutch Aged Care (Western Australia) Inc

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DACWA is a Public benevolent Institution and all donations \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

The above membership fees are GST inclusive.

The principal aim of Dutch Aged Care (WA) Inc. shall be to assist in maintaining or improving the quality of life of persons who are aged and living in the Perth (WA) metropolitan area and who identify with the Dutch or German speaking culture.

**A warm welcome to the
following new DACWA
Members**

Ms T Holierhoek

Mrs A Hermann

Mrs C Lechner

ACSWA 2013 EXCELLENCE IN CARE AWARDS

What an evening for Dutch Aged Care trading as CURA IN-HOME CARE.

We were already excited when we received a letter from ACSWA in May that we were "Finalists" in the following categories:

Small provider; Trainee; Volunteer; Organisation

The theme for this year was "Happy Days" and you should have seen how much effort everybody put into it. The atmosphere was fantastic. It was like the red carpet walk for movie stars.



Our staff impressed with the nice dresses they were wearing and some even made it into the TV guide of the West Australian. The tables were set up lovely in the 50-60's style, with sun glasses out of this time and a lovely cabriolet on each table (made out of paper, but still cute). The ball room (Crown Entertainment

Complex) was fully booked and many providers attended the function.

Mr Ray Glickman, Chairman of ACSWA opened the night and welcomed everybody for this exiting evening. He "thanked "everybody for their great work and commitment in Aged Care.

The evening went on with a nice meal and the announcements of the winners and commendations for each category were made.

Russell Wolf was the MC (Master of Ceremony). He was great and kept as all laughing with his great sense of humour.

How happy we were, that Annegret won the category "Trainee". We nominated Annegret because of all the training she has done, considering a busy family life and work commitments. Her last study, which she finished in April was the "Diploma of Management".

The winner of the small provider was City of Subiaco, the Volunteers, June Bremner from Silver Chain and for the Organisation Volunteer Task Force.

For a small organisation like ours it was a great achievement to be in the finals in so many categories. It was a great time to mingle with other providers and to get others to know us better as well.

Please have a look at our photos on the next page and you will see the fun everybody had.

**Regine,
Care Team Manager**



The town of Soest



SOEST

Soest is a Municipality and town in the Netherlands, in the province of Utrecht. It is situated approximately 20 km from the city of Utrecht, 7 km from Amersfoort and 10 km from Hilversum, with excellent train and bus service to each of these. The municipality of Soest has a population of over 45,000 people and is located in the middle of the Netherlands. Soest offers a remarkable diversity in natural beauty.

HISTORY

Very little is known about the early development of Soest. Still, historians have successfully ascertained that various groups of hunters lived in the area sometime around 11,000 B.C. Tools dating back to approximately 8,000 B.C. have been found in the Soester dunes and a number of burial mounds from sometime around 2,000 B.C. remain, such as the Engenbergje, located on the Eng in the middle of the farmlands, and several in the Korte Duinen/ Monnikenbos area between Soest-Zuid and Amersfoort.

Together, this clearly illustrates just how old Soest is; in fact, it was one of the oldest settlements in the Sticht.

The earliest description of Soest dates back to 1029 and it is considered the year in which the municipality of Soest was founded. From that year onwards most events were documented. In 1929 the village held a huge celebration in honour of its 900th birthday, and again in 1979 to mark the 950th birthday.

In ancient times, Soest was also written as: Soyse, Zoys, Suys and Sose. 'Soest' likely means 'fountainhead where high and low lands meet, specifically the Utrechtse Heuvelrug and Eem Valley. Another possible explanation is that it indicates a settlement on the south-east or Soest of the Utrechtse Heuvelrug.

The tranquil Eng was often the site of conflict. The first armed clash took place in 1278, which did not have any significance in the history of the Netherlands; however, it was important in the centuries-long feud between Utrecht and Holland. The battle of 1278 involved the Amstelaren and Woerdenaars on the one side and the Stichtse forces on the other. In this battle, the latter tasted defeat.

The main sources of income during the Middle Ages included farming on the slopes of the Eng, peat extraction in Soesterveen, sheep farming on the vast heathland, beekeeping and to a lesser degree cattle farming. Trades and cottage industries sprung up, too.

Soest developed into a typical unidirectional street village, with the arable land on the Eng and the farms along the foot winding around it. At the one end of the round village was the Kort-End (which today is where Ferdinand Huycklaan runs) and the other was the Lang-End (where Burg. Grothestraat runs now). The two ends were connected by the (old) Kerkpad, with the Kerkebuurt dominated by the Oude Kerk at the heart of the village.



Old Water Tower



Mill "De Windhond"

There were a number of other hamlets in the area, too: het Hart, de Bunt (Soest-Zuid), Achter den Eng (in the vicinity of Nieuweweg), het Veen, de Birk and den Berg or Soesterberg.

The establishment of two cloisters also played a significant role for the community of Soest: 'Mariënborg' on Eemstraat, which is now the site of the farm 'Het Klooster' and 'Mariënhof' on Birkstraat.

A milestone in the history of the municipality was reached on 26 September 1472 when Bishop David of Burgundy was appointed sheriff. In the years that followed, Soest was plundered and burned to the ground many times and yet always managed to recover. By the end of the 18th century, Soest was still a small agricultural village with less than 1,200 inhabitants. This all changed in early 1800 when new forms of government were introduced.

The Naarden-Amersfoort main road was built between 1815 and 1817.

In 1823 Schout Gerrit Steijn van Hensbroek became the first mayor of Soest. In 1869, sixteen street lamps were installed; on 1 July 1895 the Soester Paardetram or horse-drawn streetcar went into operation; on 27 June 1898 the Utrecht-Baarn railway line was opened. Still, none of this really had any noticeable effect on the tranquil country living in Soest.

The town of Soest



SOESTDIJK PALACE. *The palace was built in the 17th century on the place of an old farmhouse as a hunting lodge for king William III. In the 19th century the white wings with their pavilions were added.*

After 1920 Soest began to grow and by 1930 the population had already reached 15,000 residents. This prompted the municipality to create an expansion plan in the 1920s. By 1945 the municipality had become a village of 22,000; by 1960 the population had increased to 28,500; in 1970 there were 37,500 people; on 1 January 1975 the number was 38,764; and as of 1 January 1999 Soest had a population of 44,106.

SOEST AT 975 YEARS

In 2004 it was 975 years ago that Bishop Ansfridus donated 14 farmsteads to the Benedictine cloister in Amersfoort. These were located between the villas of Heze and Zoys, which would later be called Soest. This act signalled the birth of Soest.

SOEST TODAY

Soest is situated amidst farmlands, meadows, woods, dunes and a total of 17 hectares of what was once a single vast heath but is now divided amongst nine different locations. Industry, service professions and agricultural are the main sources of income.

Taking an aerial view of the municipality, which covers 46 square kilometres, two different major developed areas stand out clearly. Both are surrounded by woods, farmlands or meadows. Soest is the larger of the two, and comprises Soestdijk, the original village of Soest and Soest-Zuid.

These three developments appear to be connected by the Utrecht-Baarn railway line and each has its own station. As a result of new construction, these developments have gradually extended towards the outlying district of Hees, which is situated along the border of the Soesterveen nature sanctuary and the Pijnenburg woods.

The other, smaller development is Soesterberg, which is located on the other side of the Soester 'mountain' and the Soesterberg airfield. The modest district of Soestduinen lies between the two, surrounded entirely by woods.

Soest-Zuid is home to the Soester woods and dunes, a reserve of about 500 hectares that stretches from the woods of Birkhoven (Amersfoort) to Pijnenburg. The sand flats in the Soester natural dunes create an inviting, slightly hilly area that is a very popular day trip destination.

The woods of Pijnenburg are likewise a magnet for visitors seeking peace and quiet in the great outdoors. Nearby Soesterveen has two small nature preserves which are a very important area to study for botanists.

Soest is twinned with the city of Soest in Westfalen, Germany. A sports exchange is held there yearly.



A view on the Hartweg



Reminiscing through Soest



The modern style Emma Church

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.



(This column will give the Neerlandia reader the opportunity to meet some of the newer migrant members, their family history, life experiences, hobbies, work etc. This article is the second of a new series)

Mijn naam is Richard Olinga en ik woon sinds begin april 2013 in Perth, samen met mijn partner Stephanie. Ik ben

geboren en getogen in Groningen en heb daar mijn MBO gevolgd en HBO Elektrotechniek met succes afgerond in 2004.

Na mijn studie heb ik samen met een klasgenoot een jaar in Australië, New Zeeland en Azië doorgebracht. Daarna was het wel tijd om de werkvloer te betreden. Bij Croon Elektrotechniek ben ik begonnen als werkvoorbereider bij het nieuwbouw project van het Martini Ziekenhuis in Groningen, al gauw doorgestroomd naar het project management team om van mijn praktische en theoretische kennis gebruik te kunnen maken. Verder ben ik op meerdere industrieprojecten in en buiten Nederland als Inbedrijfsteller aan het werk geweest.

Begin 2010 ben ik weer op reis gegaan en via Australië, wat omzwervingen in Azië, uiteindelijk in China terecht gekomen. Daar ben ik Steph tegen het lijf gelopen op het treinstation in Guilin, in Zuid China. We hadden een 18 uur lange treinreis voor ons liggen en dus genoeg tijd om elkaar te leren kennen; we hebben de weken daarna ook samen opgetrokken. Toen het voor haar weer tijd was om terug te keren naar Beijing, waar zij studeerde, vroeg ze of ik ook die kant op wilde komen. De keuze was al snel gemaakt en we hebben een paar maanden in Beijing doorgebracht. Eind 2010 ben ik weer teruggekeerd naar Nederland en om weer een paar maanden bij Croon te werken. Toen begon het grote avontuur...

Steph en ik hadden besloten dat ik naar Australië zou gaan en uiteindelijk in april 2011 heb ik die stap genomen. Steph studeerde in Canberra en zij heeft toen een klein appartementje gevonden, waar we bij mijn aankomst gelijk in konden trekken. Het duurde

even, maar uiteindelijk vond ik een baan als elektricien. Nadat Steph haar studie had afgerond, besloten we om Canberra achter ons te laten om in onze kleine volgestouwde Getz via Melbourne, Adelaide en Alice Spings in de Tanami Desert te belanden. Steph's ouders waren leraren in Lajamanu (voormalige Hooker Creek), de meest afgelegen Aboriginal gemeenschap in de NT. In Lajamanu heb ik in de Men's Shed gewerkt. Dit was een onderdeel van het Warnayaka Kunst-en-Cultuurcentrum. Hier worden meubels gemaakt voor de gemeenschap en de meer traditionele dingen zoals boemerangs, speren en schilden; babydragers en wat al niet meer. Ook werden er regelmatig bush trips gemaakt waar de vrouwen op zoek gingen naar bush tucker en de mannen naar hout voor hun shed. We hebben geweldige ervaring hier mogen opdoen, maar vanwege gebrek aan onderdak konden we helaas niet langer blijven.

Na een paar maanden hebben we onze Getz weer volgepakt en onze neus richting Perth laten wijzen waarop we weer op pad gingen. En zo zitten wij sinds april dit jaar in Perth. We wonen net om de hoek van Neerlandia in Wembley en hebben het ontzettend naar onze zin hier en zijn ook zeker niet van plan om snel weer te vertrekken. Steph heeft al vanaf het begin een baan als researcher bij de Aboriginal Land and Sea Council en ik ben helaas nog steeds op zoek naar een baan in engineering. Ondertussen houd ik me bezig met sport, voornamelijk fietsen en hardlopen, fotografie, computer programmeren, een poging tot tuinieren (kruidentuin) in ons kleine appartementje, het lezen van boeken, af en toe een film of serie kijken en sinds kort, het leren van Chinees. Ook zal ik binnenkort achter de knoppen zitten bij de Dutch Radio op zondagmiddag, hopelijk zonder onderbrekingen in de uitzending...

Om te zeggen dat ik Nederland mis... niet echt. Hetgeen ik wel mis zijn natuurlijk vrienden en familie, vooral mijn zus die net zwanger is van haar 2e. Het is jammer dat ik deze tijd in haar leven niet mee kan maken van mijn enige zus. Maar als alles goed gaat, zullen we mijn familie weer opzoeken tijdens de kerstdagen dit jaar. En gelukkig zullen we mijn ouders binnenkort in Bali zien.

Dat was het geloof ik wel weer voor nu. Je kunt me samen met Steph achter de bar vinden bij Neerlandia en kom langs om een gezellig babbeltje te maken.

Tot snel!

Richard Olinga

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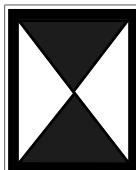
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Demystifying Dutch Politics – a dual citizen's dilemma.

On Wednesday, May 23 2012 the Netherlands conferred me with Dutch nationality. This gave me – an Australian born national with a Dutch mother – the right to vote in the September 2012 election for The House of Representatives, or the 'tweede kamer'. Controversially, it afforded me the opportunity to have a say in where the political direction of a country, I have never lived in, should be steered towards. Nevertheless, I have the legal and constitutional right to exercise this voice, and have decided to do so. The following anecdote details the difficulties I faced deciding on who to vote for, which I wrote just prior to the Dutch election.

When one lives in one country for most of his or her life, he or she automatically acquires through various sources information on the issues which hold importance to his or her core values. Personally, I believe it is important to vote in an informed manner, meaning I must take into account the issues surrounding the Dutch people in the European community, alongside my own core values. So, over a cup of tea with cream and speculaas, my favourite biscuits since childhood, and bearing in mind my current political persuasion might be more geared towards Australia's situation, I begin trawling through news feeds in English about the Dutch elections. Most of the sources come from international news agencies, such as Reuters, Bloomberg and the Associated Press – all of which deliver the news in a rather flat tone – but still reveal something about current issues: EU economic policy and austerity; EU integration; and Holland's credit rating – just naming a few. While the focus centres around the economy, and does reveal the values behind a couple of the main political parties, the depth of knowledge about them is too shallow for me to draw a clear enough picture about the parties' policies – especially with respect to social and environmental aspects.

Turning to Wikipedia in the hope of discovering more information, I learn that the Dutch House of Representatives, or second chamber, is made up of 150 seats, with elections held every four years. However, due to a recent disagreement between two parties, this has resulted in the resignation of one leader and an early election being called. It was, therefore, no surprise for me to learn that the disparity was over fiscal austerity measures – an ostensibly polarizing issue throughout Europe's other nations, too.

Calling up the websites from ostensibly the six most popular political parties, I decided to wade through the political quagmire of policy talk, straight from the horses' mouths. From this, I find out that some parties have very clear points of view, and branch off into a comprehensive rhizome-like structure of core values that I could dig through for hours. Given I did not want to spend my day-off reading only about political parties, I

memorised terms related to what I value, and clicked on "standpunten" in the other parties' webpages to accelerate my acquisition of knowledge. In addition to the political differences, I notice also how not all parties are as forthcoming about projecting their stances on certain matters. Whether this is because they lack funding and resources, shy away from certain issues, or are a political dark horse with a hidden agenda is any one's guess.

In need of a fresh reading, and being fluent in German, I decided to gain a perspective of Holland's political landscape from its landlocked neighbour. There are numerous articles in Germany's two conservatively written but informative weekly magazines online, *Focus* and *Der Spiegel*. A plethora relate to football, and a few cover Mark Rutte's falling out with Geert Wilders and his consequent resignation. There is also a piece on euthanasia, detailing how the right to die with the help of a doctor is as controversial in Germany. Furthermore, it becomes apparent to me, that Germany and Holland both have frugal fiscal values when it comes to managing their economic affairs. But the most interesting reading unfolded when I discovered the economic importance of land reclamation. In an article titled, "Niederlande sind jetzt 2000 Hektar größer" ['Holland is now 2000 hectares bigger'; *Focus* Online, 11.7.2012], it details how an eleven kilometre new dam will allow the next generation of container ships to berth in Rotterdam's harbour, and expand Europe's biggest port by 20 per cent. It neglects to mention the project will occupy an area in the Voordelta – a protected nature reserve – something I find out after plugging the engineering project's Dutch name, "De Tweede Maasvlakte", into Wikipedia and sifting through some key terms which have environmental underpinnings.

I cannot help but parallel this issue to one in my home state of Western Australia, where, at present, environmentalists are protesting against the development of a natural gas hub in the Kimberly. It seems to me, that the struggle between facilitating economic growth and maintaining the environment is as prevalent in my own setting, thousands of kilometres away, as it is in the nation that kindly awarded me with its nationality based on my ancestry. However, for Holland, which is trying to keep afloat in the tumultuous economic climate of the Eurozone – unlike the booming Western Australian economy – the dam does perhaps offer some flood protection in addition to economic prosperity; and breathes new meaning into Mary Dodge's story of Hans Brinker plugging a hole in the dike with his finger.

In my train of thought, the harbour expansion project subsequently causes me to consider the issue of rising sea levels – palpably something of utmost importance in a country such as Holland, which has something like a fifth of its land reclaimed from the sea and over 20

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per cent of its dense population living at or below sea level – according to Wikipedia.

At least one of the major challenges that Holland faces parallels one in Australia and with my newly acquired knowledge I can make an informed decision that takes into account some of the pros and cons from a Dutch perspective. However, I will have to spend another day off over a cup of cream tea with speculaas to enlighten myself about some of Holland's social issues and how my fellow Dutch plan to manage these.

Trying to bring myself up to speed with Holland's political issues is arduous, but nevertheless educational, insomuch that I am learning about issues the Dutch feel strongly about. Nevertheless, anyone who has been out of his or her home country for an extended period is likely to face a similar problem of re-educating his- or herself, if he or she wants to vote in an informed manner. If it were not for the hyper-connected world we live in, it would have been impossible for me to connect with Holland so fast, and acquire such detailed information. There was a moment of satisfaction and good conscience marking the ballot paper with my red pencil hitherto, as I knew I had informed myself to the best of my knowledge about the issues confronting the Dutch, and who stood for what.

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People part of Dutch History.

Right through the colourful history of the Netherlands there have been people with deeds that enshrined them in the history books of our country. Often on the spur of the moment, they acted in such a way that appealed to the imagination of many at the time and turned them into folk-heroes in stories that were carried over from parents to their children. So here I will relate a few of those people that caught my eye, during the many years I read and researched history and enjoyed living mentally in those days, now long behind us.

Let us start with Jan van Schaffelaar, who jumped from the church tower in Barneveld in full armour to his death in 1482. He lived during the period of the 'Hoekse en Kabeljauwse Twisten' (Hook and Cod disputes) between 1350 and close to 1500. The two parties were each composed of a gaggle of nobles and cities in Holland, each of which endeavoured to preserve their status quo of privileges and powers during the period of rule by the Burgundian Dukes.

David of Burgundy, Bishop of Utrecht from 1456-1496, a bastard son of Duke Philip the Good of Burgundy (1396-1467), was driven out of town by the "Hoekse" local government and he fled to a castle near Wijk-bij-Duurstede. After that, the Bishops' Cods besieged Utrecht and tried to starve the population. Car-loads of food were being sent by the sympathetic Duke John II of Cleve, while the Bishop's foot-soldiers and horsemen were camped near Arnhem and received orders to intercept the food convoy.

The commander of the horsemen, the 'Gelderse Edelman' Jan van Schaffelaar, got his orders and got on his way with nineteen horsemen. A host of hostile Hook soldiers waylaid him and his troop managed to seek refuge in the church-tower of Barneveld. The Hooks then wheeled a cannon in position and started to blast heavy stone cannonballs against the brickwork of the tower, demanding his men to throw their besieged leader from the tower. Four men were killed, after which Jan van Schaffelaar offered to jump down from the tower, exclaiming 'Lieve gesellen, ick moet immer sterven en ick wil u geen last brengen' (Beloved fellows,



I shall have to die one time. I do not want to give you any trouble). And so he jumped down in his full knight's armour, survived, but was brutally killed by those waiting for him below.

Pieter Adriaansz. van der Werff is another hero, who emerged from the siege of Leiden as a hero. In the 1550's

Pieter became a follower of Calvin and like Prince Willem of Orange, the Counts Hoorn and van Egmond, also became an outcast in the eyes of King Philip II of Spain and being summoned to the 'Raad van Beroerten or Bloedraad (Council of Troubles or Blood Council). Prince Willem fled to the refuge of his ancestral home in Dillenburg. On the 24th of June 1568 Prince Willem asked Pieter to prepare Holland for the arrival of an army he was putting together. This campaign failed and afterwards Pieter was asked by Willem to collect money to finance a new campaign against the Spanish occupation. Going successfully around many cities in Holland, they only were willing to contribute under strict anonymity and no receipts for money donated, as they feared Spanish retribution when found out. The second campaign also failed.

Just by accident the Watergeuzen (Sea-Beggars) besieged and took Brielle on the 1st of April 1572 by surprise. This incident became the starting point of a general uprising against the Spanish tyranny and one city after another declared themselves for Orange and freedom. Now it became necessary to organize resistance on a national basis and to achieve this, Pieter van der Werff was appointed by the Prince to organize a get-together of the Provinces. Pieter returned to the city of his birth Leiden and contacted each separate government of each Province to send delegates to form a joint national convention. And so on the 19th of July the first free 'Staten Vergadering' (State Convention) took place, thereby consolidating the rebellion.

The following year, on the 17th of May 1573, Pieter was voted to be one of the four burgomasters of Leiden. This appointment proved to be fraud with danger, as he was shortly after chosen to arrest the Admiral of the Watergeuzen Lumey on 29 May 1573. The cruel leader of the Sea-Beggars had made many enemies after having ordered the murder of 19 Catholic monks from Gorinchem as well as the rector of the Agatha Cloister Cornelis Musius, a friend of Prince Willem. The wily burgomaster managed to arrest Lumey and had him incarcerated in castle Honingen near Rotterdam. The days were passing by when on the 31st of October 1573 the city of Leiden was besieged by the Spanish under command of Francisco de Valdes. All major roads were blocked with barricades (Schansen) in order to stop food entering the city. Suddenly Valdes broke up the siege in March 1574 to face the advancing forces of Lodewijk van Nassau, who had crossed the river Maas. But before he arrived, other Spanish forces had already defeated Lodewijk's forces on the Mooker heide. Valdez then got orders again to return and besiege once more the city of Leiden. And so after an absence of two months, the Spanish were back again. This was quite unexpected and no measures had been taken by the city authorities to re-stock their warehouses with sufficient food for a second siege. Alerted, Prince Willem ordered to breach the river dykes and get a vast area around Leiden under water. This succeeded on the 21st of August, but strong winds blew from the wrong direction and water did not flood high enough for the Geuzen with their flat bottom ships to reach Leiden with food. Sheer

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hunger and lack of medicines raised the ugly head of a pest-epidemic and thousands died. After the military governor Dirk van Bronckhorst died, Pieter Adriaansz van der Werff became the leader to defend the city against the besieging Spanish soldiers.

On the 4th of September, de Valdes sent a letter to the city government offering surrender and a general pardon to Leiden's citizens. Jan van der Does, as military leader of the defenders and van der Werff as head of the hungry citizens were now facing each other, discussing how to get out of this situation as best as possible. Then when on the 15th September the desperate citizens revolted and demanded bread or surrender, it was at this occasion that van der Werff faced this desperate crowd with the now famous words: 'Eten heb ik niet, maar ik weet dat ik eens moet sterven. Als gij dan door mijn dood geholpen zijt, slaat de hand aan dit lichaam, snijdt het in stukken en deel het uit zo ver als mogelijk is. Ik ben dan getroost'. Finally the autumn storms arrived, the water-levels around the city-walls were rising, the Spanish soldiers disappeared and so the Watergeuzen with their ships could bring food to the starving citizens of Leiden on the 3rd of October 1574.

Kenau Simonsdochter Hasselaar, 1526-1588/89 is known for fighting on the walls of her native Haarlem during the Spanish siege from 11 December 1572 till 13 July 1573. Her father was the burgomaster of Haarlem when Kenau was born. In later years her brother-in-law was the personal physician of Prince Willem of Orange. Her cousin Pieter Hasselaar was a personal messenger for the Prince. During the siege, Kenau had organized a group of around three hundred women, to resist the attacking Spanish soldiers on Haarlem's walls by pouring boiling water, burning straw, molten tar and night soil onto the heads of the unfortunate attackers, when they climbed up the storm-ladders placed against the city walls. Leading her women defenders, Kenau also killed and maimed the attackers using a sable, halberd or rifle, whatever came to hand when the attackers had reached the top of their long ladder and raised their heads above the city wall. Flemish historian Emanuel van Meteren (1505-1612), also Consul in London for the Traders of the Low-Countries wrote of Kenau 'Die van binnen Haarlem hadden ooc een cloecke vrouwe en de eerbaer weduwe, omtrent 66 jaren out, Kennau genoemt, die d'ander vrouwen in alien noot aenvoerde en de met eenighe andere veel manlycke daden boven vrouwen aert bedreef op ten vijant, met spiesen, bussen ende sweert, als een man haer behelpende in vrouwelycke habijt'.

It should be mentioned however that Kenau had a difficult character and was not very popular with her fellow citizens. Continually she was in and out of a court of law, litigating. Her name Kenau was used in the course of time for any female, who was rather bossy. For a long time after her death, she was believed to be a sorcerer, however she was an able business woman, who did run her own shipbuilding and shipping enterprises after her husband had died. The end of Kenau will remain a mystery. From a trip to Norway where she was to buy timber for shipbuilding, she never returned, killed by pirates so the

skipper reported back in Holland. Her daughters started litigation against the ship's owners.

At the same time a young man Jan Haring became well known in history by fighting off advancing Spaniards on his own on the narrow Diemerdyk not far from besieged Haarlem. When Jan could not stop the advancing enemy any longer, he dived under a rain of bullets into the surrounding water and made his way to Monnickendam. Later that year, in October 1573, a sea-battle developed on the Zuiderzee where the Spanish had assembled a strong fleet, which had moved from loyal Amsterdam in order to control all the harbours around the inland sea. The Spanish fleet was commanded by Admiral Maximilian Bossu on his flag-ship 'The Inquisition'. The Dutch were under command of Cornelis Dircksz of Monnickendam. After five days of intermitted fighting, the final broadside cannonades near the harbour of Hoorn decided the outcome in favour of the Dutch, mainly because Jan Haring managed to board the Inquisition, cut down the Spanish flag and hoist the orange, white and blue flag, the so called 'Prinsenvlag'. Captains on the other ships took this as a sign of defeat and tried to escape. However Jan Haring, when he climbed down the rigging, was killed by a sniper's bullet. Bossu was taken prisoner.



We should not forget a heroine from the last war in Dutch history, Jannetje Johanna Schaft, or generally known as Hannie Schaft, 'Het Meisje met het roode Haren' or the girl with the red hair, who was born in Haarlem 16

September 1920 and died in Bloemendaal executed by the German SS on 17 April 1945, a few weeks short of our liberation and total defeat of our German invaders. Hannie was a dedicated Communist and resistance fighter. She was member of the R.V.V. (Raad van Verzet) in Haarlem, never decorated by the Dutch but honoured with the Medal of Freedom by the Americans. She enrolled to study law in 1938 at a university in Amsterdam, where after the invasion on 5 May 1940 she refused to sign a declaration of loyalty towards the Germans. That put an end to her studies and like so many others, she gravitated towards the resistance movement. Hannie trained to be an executer of those who collaborated with the enemy and those who betrayed their own people to the German security police. She had at least five executions to her name, completed with utter disregard of her own safety. Finally she was abandoned by headquarters of the R.V.V. for being an active member of the communist party. The end came for her when she was stopped at a roadblock on 21 March 1945 and found with a stash of illegal newspapers 'De Waarheid' and a pistol she carried. A tragic end to a real freedom fighter.

Theun de Vries in his book 'Het Meisje met de rode Haren' immortalized her.

Gerard Woerlee.

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I found the last Codebreaker not easy, but once I found the words "apparel and alpacca" I was on my way. The July/

August solution was:

A=25; B=15; C=2; D=16; E=26; F=19; G=11; H=28 I=18; J=5; K=24; L=12; M=9; N=20; O=22; P=21; Q=24; R=17; S=23; T=3; U=13; V=7; W=4; X=1; Y=6; Z=6.

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Sudoku - Moderate

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